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- 1. ONTARIO PREMIER WILLIAM DAVIS TOLD THE LIGISLATURE NOVEMBER 3 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP A CABINET COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF MINING COMMUNITIES. THE PREMIER SAID THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST TASK WILL BE TO DEAL WITH THE EFFECT ON SUDBURY OF INCO'S DECISION TO LAYOFF WORKERS IN 1978.
- 2. DAVIS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO START AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON A TEN MILLION DOLLAR PROVINCIAL OFFICE TOWER IN SUDBURY, A PROJECT APPROVED THREE YEARS AGO.
- 3. MEMBERS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE WILL BE NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTER FRANK MILLER AS CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN AFFAIRS MINISTER LEO BERNIER, LABOR MINISTER BETTE STEPHENSON AND INDUSTRY AND TOURISM MINISTER CLAUDE BENNETT.

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RM OPPOSITION CRITICS REACTED TO THE PREMIER'S PROPOSAL BY SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLAN WILL DO NOTHING TO SAVE THE JOBS OF THE WORKERS OR PROVIDE THEM WITH OTHER JOBS IN THE AREA AND NDP LEADERS LEWIS DESCRIBED THE STATEMENT AS "ENTIRELY BANKRUPT OF ANY NEW INITIATIVE."

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